Amendments to Standing Orders.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the amendments on the Standing Orders and move that it may be taken up for consideration. I may state that in the Committee we were able to come to an agreement and a unanimous report is now submitted.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I beg to second it.

Motion put and carried.

President.—The first amendment is that 'in Standing Order No. 4 (2) between the words "introduced" and "shall" add the words "or in respect of which leave to introduce has been granted."

Amendment put and carried.

President.—The next amendment is:—'add the following after the words "the original bill was published" in Standing Order No. 35:—"and the publication in the languages in which the original bill was published shall be made in the Gazette at least 12 days prior to the commencement of the meeting at which the bill is to be considered by the Council."

Amendment put and carried.

President.—Next amendment:—'In Standing Order No. 37 (1) (i) substitute the words "twelve days" for "seven days."

Amendment put and carried.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I move that the amendments be taken up at to-morrow's meeting and passed.

Motion put and carried.

Amendments to Standing Orders—(*contd.*)

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I move for leave to introduce the following amendment to Standing Order No. 9:—"*Add the following to Standing Order No. 9:—"and the President may, if required, extend the time for the asking and answering of questions*". In explanation of this amendment I may say that according to the present rule it is not very clear whether the President has got the power of extending the time for putting supplementary questions. It is therefore necessary to make it very clear that the President has got that power. This is the object of the present amendment. When some important questions have to be answered, unless the President is vested with necessary powers to extend the question time he would refuse to exercise such a power.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I move that *in Standing Order No. 23 omit the words "after the mover has replied" and insert "before the mover replies."* In explanation of this amendment

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I have only to say that this amendment is in accordance with the practice of this House. The Standing Order as well as the procedure of this House are at variance at present. By adopting this amendment we will be making it all the same. It has been the practice of this House that the Government Member should not enjoy a right of reply again after the mover replied.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—On behalf of the Government, I oppose the amendment.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I move that a Select Committee consisting of the following Members be appointed:— the Deputy President, the mover of the motion, the Law Member, the Council Secretary, Mr. K. Ayyappan, Mr. Paul Mampilli, and Mr. P. Krishna Menon.

Mr. Joseph Pattah.—I beg to second it.

Motion put and carried.

President.—The Deputy President will be the Chairman and the committee will report within one month.

Resolutions:—(1) Road bridge connecting Parur and Chennamangalam.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, the resolution standing in my name runs thus:—*This Council recommends to the Government to construct a road bridge connecting Parur and Chennamangalam.*

Sir, this is comparatively a local question. My only justification in bringing this resolution is the importance of it. You know that Chennamangalam is a small island and there is absolutely no road connection between the mainland and Chennamangalam. It is a very important village in this respect. When I go through the census report I find that next to the Chittur Taluk and Kumbalangy, this is the most thickly populated village. Not only that, the Government seems to have done very little for the amenities of the public of that place. It appears that the major public utility works have been done by that benevolent Paliath Achen. Excepting probably an Outpost and an Anchal Office, I don't think Government have done anything there. There is not even an inch of Panchayat road maintained in that small island. Recently I find a few culverts put in here and there. Unfortunately in this matter Paliath Achan cannot do much. He cannot construct a bridge. In the first place it is a costly affair and in the second place he cannot do of his own accord. It gives a lot of inconvenience to the public and in these days, when the speedy locomotion is the demand of all from all parts of the public, I think it is just and fair that the Government should provide them with at least a bridge which had

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